

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 8, 2017

MAG Office, Saguaro Room

Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Zuercher, Phoenix, Chair	Dale Wiebusch for Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa
Patrick Banger, Gilbert, Vice Chair	Christopher Brady, Mesa
* Bryant Powell, Apache Junction	Kevin Burke, Paradise Valley
Jessica Blazina for David Fitzhugh, Avondale	Carl Swenson, Peoria
Roger Klingler, Buckeye	Greg Stanley, Pinal County
* Gary Neiss, Carefree	John Kross, Queen Creek
* Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Marsha Reed, Chandler	Brad Lundahl for Jim Thompson, Scottsdale
Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage	* Bob Wingenroth, Surprise
* Brent Billingsley, Florence	Andrew Ching, Tempe
Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	* Reyes Medrano, Jr., Tolleson
* Grady Miller, Fountain Hills	Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
# Michael Celaya, Gila Bend	# Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown
* Pamela Thompson, Gila River Indian Community	Floyd Roehrich for John Halikowski, ADOT
Kevin Phelps, Glendale	Joy Rich, Maricopa County
# Brian Dalke, Goodyear	John Farry for Scott Smith, Valley Metro/RPTA
* Bob Thaxton, Guadalupe	
Sonny Culbreth, Litchfield Park	

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

A video on MAG meeting guidelines and public input opportunities was played.

The meeting of the MAG Management Committee was called to order by Chair Ed Zuercher, Phoenix, at 12:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Carl Swenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Jeanne Blackman, Mr. Michael Celaya, and Mr. Brian Dalke joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chair Zuercher introduced a new member of the MAG Management Committee, Mr. Sonny Culbreth, the Interim Litchfield Park City Manager.

Chair Zuercher noted that at each place and on the side tables on each side of the room were the revised agenda and material for agenda items #5G and #8, which were previously transmitted.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Zuercher recognized public comment from Ms. Dianne Barker, who wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Ms. Barker stated that she is multimodal. She promoted Meet Me Downtown program by distributing informational material. She noted that Meet Me Downtown is a program to invigorate downtown Phoenix. Ms. Barker stated that sustainable buildings and systems are being built but occupants are not informed about sustainability. Ms. Barker announced that her mother turned 96 years of age on Monday. She noted that her mother suffers from macular degeneration, and she was hopeful a Japanese study on this might provide a cure. Ms. Barker expressed that she enjoyed reading the MAGazine article about MAG's beginnings. Chair Zuercher thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Zuercher recognized public comment from Mr. John Rusinek, who spoke about the State dust control ordinance for lots of 3,000 square feet or more with residential buildings. Mr. Rusinek stated that the 6,000 square foot lot next door to him has not been dustproofed. He said that the person who was going to work with him was stopped, and he added that the ordinance should be obeyed. Chair Zuercher thanked Mr. Rusinek.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest to the MAG region.

Mr. Smith reported that on January 17, 2017, the U.S. Ninth Circuit denied the request by the Gila River Indian Community for an injunction pending its appeal against the Loop 202/South Mountain Freeway.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff presented or presided at 18 different events at the recent Transportation Research Board conference in Washington, D.C. – more than any other organization or agency in the nation.

Mr. Smith updated members on the I-10/I-17 Spine Study public outreach meetings that are being conducted. He noted that so far, 233 people signed in at four public meetings.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG has been working with its Washington, D.C., legal counsel on a letter containing MAG comments on the EPA proposed rule to implement the 2015 Ozone Standard.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG is hosting a meeting to kick off the 2020 Census on February 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to noon, in the MAG Saguaro Room. He noted that the Census results are important because the numbers are the basis for State Shared Revenue.

Mr. Smith stated that one of Regional Council Chair Greg Stanton's priorities is exports. He announced that the Sun Corridor Export Recognition Program launches next week with nominations due March 17, 2017. Businesses will be recognized at Sun Corridor EDGE (Economic Development for the Global Economy) event on May 19, 2017. Mr. Smith noted that during the Great Recession, the companies that exported goods hurt the least economically.

Chair Zuercher thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Zuercher stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, and #5J were on the Consent Agenda.

No public comment cards were received.

Chair Zuercher asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items.

None were noted.

Mr. Carl Swenson moved to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, and #5J. Mr. Roger Klingler seconded, and the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the January 11, 2017, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the January 11, 2017, meeting minutes.

5B. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, 2017 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and, as Appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2017 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and, as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 22, 2016, with the last modification approved at the January 25, 2017, Regional Council meeting. The 2017 Arterial Life Cycle program was approved by the Regional Council on June 22, 2016, with the last modification approved on August 31, 2016. Since then, additional changes and modifications have been requested by member agencies. Table A contains requests related to the Arterial Life Cycle Program. Table B contains requests related to highway and transit projects. On January 26, 2017, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the proposed project changes as noted in Table A and Table B.

5C. Town of Guadalupe Study Project for FY 2018-2020 Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School Funding

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of adding the Town of Guadalupe study project in the amount of \$20,746 to the list of approved FY 2018-2020 Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School projects for FY 2020. The list of projects for FY 2018-2020 Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School (TA/SRTS) funding was approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 25, 2017. An amount of \$23,508 remains available for programming in FY 2020. Recent local elections in the Town of Guadalupe included changes to the office of Mayor, which was subsequent to completion of the MAG process for programming FY 2018-2020 TA/SRTS funding. The Town of Guadalupe has requested acceptance of an application to utilize the available TA/SRTS funding for an FY 2020 study project in the amount of \$20,746. This project reflects the goals of the Mayor and Town Management supporting pedestrian and bicyclist safety, more specifically, that of school children walking and biking to school. Adding the Town of Guadalupe study project to the list of approved FY 2018-2020 Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School projects for FY 2020 was recommended for approval on January 24, 2017, by the MAG Transportation Safety Committee and on January 26, 2017, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee.

5D. Financial Auditor Selection for Maricopa Association of Governments

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. to perform the MAG annual financial audit for fiscal year 2017 with four one-year options to renew through 2021. The Maricopa Association of Governments requested proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit MAG's financial statements for five consecutive years beginning in fiscal year 2017. In response to the Request for Proposals released in September 2016, MAG received six proposals from qualified certified public accountant firms. A multi-agency proposal evaluation team reviewed the proposals and on January 6, 2017, recommended to MAG that Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. be selected to perform the financial audit at MAG for the period beginning FY 2017 with four one-year options to renew through FY 2021.

5E. Social Services Block Grant Allocation Recommendations

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval to forward the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) allocation recommendations for FY 2018 to the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Through a partnership with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), the MAG Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee (HSCIC) prioritizes services to receive funding with locally planned Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) dollars. Services funded by SSBG assist the most vulnerable people in the region, including four target groups of Older Adults; People with Disabilities; People with Developmental Disabilities; and Adults, Families, and Children. The draft allocations were recommended for approval by the MAG Human Services Technical Committee on January 10, 2017, and the MAG HSCIC on January 19, 2017.

5F. MAG FY 2017 US-60/Grand Avenue - Sun City Implementation Study

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Burgess & Niple, Inc., as the consultant to conduct the MAG FY 2017 US-60/Grand Avenue - Sun City Implementation Study. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2016, includes \$150,000 to conduct the MAG FY 2017 US-60/Grand Avenue - Sun City Implementation Study. A Request for Proposals was issued on October 10, 2016, with a submittal deadline of November 22, 2016. MAG received two proposals. A multi-jurisdictional evaluation team reviewed the proposals and recommended to MAG the selection of Burgess & Niple, Inc., to conduct the US-60/Grand Avenue - Sun City Implementation Study.

5G. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including Arterial Life Cycle Program projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5H. Consultation on Proposed Transportation Conformity Processes for the 2017 MAG Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on proposed processes for the conformity analysis on the Transportation Improvement Program and Plan. MAG is distributing for comment the proposed processes to be applied beginning with the upcoming conformity analysis on the FY 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Comments regarding this material are requested by February 24, 2017. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5I. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

A status report is being provided on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. MAG has requested that street sweeper projects be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG within one year from the date of the MAG authorization letter. This one year time period addresses Federal Highway Administration procedures to minimize inactive obligations and to assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

5J. Arizona Department of Transportation Red Letter Process

The MAG Regional Council approved the Red Letter Process in 1996 to provide early notification of potential development in planned freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has forwarded a list of 275 notifications from July 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. ADOT is requesting that local municipalities visit with their respective staff and offices responsible to ensure participation in the Red Letter Program. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

6. Revisions to the MAG Regional Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model

Ms. Amy Rebenar, MAG staff for the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council, introduced Chief Steve Stahl, City of Maricopa Police. Chief Stahl thanked members for their ongoing support of law enforcement and domestic violence prevention. He stated that the last time the MAG Regional Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model was discussed at Management Committee, the model was being pushed out statewide for the purpose of reducing victimization and expenditure of funds resulting from domestic violence incidents.

Chief Stahl stated that the updated model includes more in-depth questions being asked by the 9-1-1 Operators and Dispatchers upfront. He said there are two purposes for this (1) to not take up as much radio airspace and (2) to provide responding officers with more complete incident information before they arrive on-scene. Chief Stahl reported that this has been very effective at his agency. He explained that in the past, the officers were asking the Dispatchers for more detail enroute. Also, it is very important to keep airspace cleared in case there is a threat when the officer arrives.

Chief Stahl stated that the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model addresses how officers investigate domestic violence. He said that child abuse is a good indicator of domestic violence. Chief Stahl stated that a lethality/threat assessment determines the level of danger the victim is facing in the relationship. He noted that in the City of Maricopa, if the lethality level is high, officers will telephone the shelter and immediately hand the phone to the victim. He indicated they do not push it off to the next day and victims can choose to stay in the shelter or set up a safety plan. Chief Stahl stated that relationships between stakeholders has been beneficial for his community.

Chief Stahl said that multidisciplinary protocol and investigations are very important. He related one incident how a victim advocate was able to inform police detectives that a suspect admitted breaking an order of protection. This resulted in the suspect being charged and might not have occurred without multidisciplinary protocol and investigations. Chief Stahl encouraged members to support the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model.

Ms. Rebenar continued the report by saying that the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model now includes a new followup section. She said that the purpose of the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model is to save lives and hold offenders accountable. Ms. Rebenar stated that the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model is updated annually and an implementation survey is issued. She noted that after the presentation last year, the survey

response rate increased and they were able to determine that 90 percent of the agencies in the MAG region have implemented or are implementing strategies in the protocol.

Mr. Dennis Smith asked Ms. Rebenar to inform the committee of standardization of protocols with Northern Arizona University and the City of Glendale.

Ms. Rebenar stated that lethality assessments are currently in use in the region and there is an effort to condense them into one single, statewide, lethality assessment. There were indications that legislation might be pursued to mandate a standard statewide assessment, but recently, they have heard that this will be delayed with implementation in at least three to five years. Ms. Rebenar stated that additional research is being conducted to vet questions on the lethality assessment before including it in the uniform model. She added that a grant with the City of Glendale on the research is being pursued to further vet the instruments.

Mr. Kevin Phelps moved to recommend approval of the revisions to the MAG Regional Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model. Vice Chair Patrick Banger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Consultant Selection for the Maricopa Region 9-1-1 Status Report and Outlook

Mr. Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, stated that this item was on the agenda for action. He indicated that a recommendation of the MAG Management Committee is anticipated to be considered by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee on February 13.

Mr. Pryor stated that the MAG 9-1-1 Study Committee was formed by the MAG Management Committee in September 2016 in reaction to a proposal for managed services by CenturyLink. The proposal included a charge of \$2,000 per approved call-taking station per month.

Mr. Pryor stated that the 9-1-1 Study Committee members include Co-Chairs Mr. Chris Brady and Mr. Kevin Phelps; Jesse Cooper, Phoenix Police; Dan Cotterman, Goodyear; MAG PSAP Managers Group Chair Domela Finnessey, Surprise Police; MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team Vice Chair Chief John Locklin, Mesa Fire; Chief Roy Minter, Peoria Police; Chief Sylvia Moir, Tempe Police; MAG PSAP Managers Group Vice Chair Michelle Potts, Chandler Police; Chief Larry Rodriguez, Tolleson Police; and MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team Chair Chief Jay Strebeck, Phoenix Fire.

Mr. Pryor stated that early on in discussions, the committee put aside the managed services proposal and focused on developing a report on the past, present, and future of the region's 9-1-1 system. Mr. Pryor stated that the monthly 9-1-1 excise tax on telephones was decreased from 37 cents to the current rate of 20 cents, among the lowest in the nation. Mr. Pryor advised that the tax is per telephone account: not per telephone line. He noted that the growing population and changing technology present real challenges to the 9-1-1 system.

Mr. Pryor stated that another concern is the decision-making in the allocation of funding. He noted that MAG has little input with the Arizona Department of Administration, which handles the State 9-1-1 Office. Mr. Pryor added that budgeting for future years is unknown. He stated that

annually, MAG conducts the 9-1-1 budget process through the MAG committees, with approval by the MAG Regional Council. MAG submits the approved budget to the State 9-1-1 Office. Mr. Pryor noted that this single-year budget process makes planning for the future difficult because is not a multi-year budget.

Mr. Pryor displayed a graphic entitled, Arizona 9-1-1 Excise Tax Collection and Fund Transfers: FY 2003-2015. He pointed out that approximately \$30,000,000 was collected from the excise tax in 2006 when the rate was 37 cents per month. The excise tax rate was lowered under the assumption that the increase in the number of cell phones would balance out the decrease. However, the Great Recession occurred and at the same time, the Arizona State Legislature swept funds from the State 9-1-1 fund to balance the State budget. Mr. Pryor noted that these sweeps total more than \$53 million.

Mr. Pryor stated that the FY 2016 State 9-1-1 excise tax revenue totaled approximately \$18.5 million. Of this amount, approximately \$12.3 million was collected in the Maricopa 9-1-1 region, with approximately \$6.1 million in the balance of the State. Mr. Pryor stated that the Maricopa Region 9-1-1 submitted to the State 9-1-1 Office a budget of approximately \$13.8 million and received approximately \$6.1 million in funding, a return of 49.8 percent of the tax it collected – a trend that has been ongoing since FY 2007.

Mr. Pryor stated that next steps include developing a plan for Maricopa Region 9-1-1 utilizing a consultant who is an expert in telecommunications. He indicated that the draft plan would be brought through the MAG process for input and approval. Mr. Pryor stated that MAG would like to work with the Arizona Department of Administration to develop a funding process that would include input by MAG in the decision-making and add an emphasis on budgeting for future years.

Mr. Chris Brady, Co-Chair of the MAG 9-1-1 Study Committee, stated that the process originally started to evaluate the managed services proposal by CenturyLink, but as the layers were pulled back it was apparent that there were larger issues. For example, the annual State 9-1-1 revenue is approximately \$18 million, of which about \$12 million is from the MAG region, and only \$6 million was approved by the State 9-1-1 Office to return to this region. Mr. Brady remarked that this is a huge gap in resources for the most densely populated area in the State. He added that they are not suggesting a return of dollar for dollar because this region benefits from having a robust 9-1-1 system statewide, however, a return of half is dramatically low.

Mr. Brady stated that the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) approached CenturyLink to provide a proposal on the service it could provide for the \$18 million generated by the State 9-1-1 tax. He indicated that MAG's question is whether the bundled managed services is what this region needs. Mr. Brady stated that everyone is transitioning to next generation 9-1-1 and it will probably become the industry standard. He said that this region has a terrific 9-1-1 staff.

Mr. Brady stated that the State 9-1-1 Office asked if MAG had a plan for the MAG 9-1-1 system. He said that the 9-1-1 Status Report and Outlook document was developed and approved by the Study Committee, but validation from a third party was needed. He indicated that a recommendation to have a validation of our plan by a third party is being requested today. Mr.

Brady stated that MAG will have the opportunity to go the State with a validated plan for the MAG 9-1-1 system. He noted that CenturyLink was limited in what it could provide in its managed services proposal by the resources available currently. Mr. Brady stated that the MAG region might want to say this region wants more than the service provided in the proposal. He stated that ADOA mentioned going to the Legislature to increase the tax, but MAG was not interested in promoting that idea until we know the formula and transparency on how decisions are made allocating the \$18 million. Mr. Brady stated that MAG has a good plan for 9-1-1, but having validation of the vision from a third party perspective is important.

Mr. Kevin Phelps, Co-Chair of the MAG 9-1-1 Study Committee, stated that the Study Committee began with a premise of what the future should look like. He noted that one interesting aspect of the managed services proposal, while it spoke of next generation 9-1-1, it did not include a full feature set the MAG region might want. Mr. Phelps stated that the Study Committee thought it best to identify what the region wants to have. Mr. Phelps stated that more predictability on funding is needed. He reported that he recently worked in the state of Washington, which has two taxes for 9-1-1 – a 20 cent tax and a 50 cent tax that was levied per line just for next generation implementation. Mr. Phelps stated that even with 70 cents per month tax, implementing next generation 9-1-1 is a challenge due to emerging technologies. Mr. Phelps expressed that the funding in general and the predictability of how the funding is allocated need to be addressed.

Chair Zuercher asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Kevin Burke asked that amount of the \$18 million revenue is retained by the Arizona Department of Administration for operations costs.

Ms. Liz Graeber, Maricopa Region 9-1-1 Administrator, replied that two percent of the annual revenue is allowed per state statute for Arizona Department of Administration operations costs. She added that this amount is slightly under \$600,000 per year.

Chair Zuercher commented that having next generation 9-1-1 will increasingly become an accessibility issue for fair and equal access for the disability community. He expressed agreement to find what it is we need than to be bound by funding.

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that the tax is levied per account and the base could be changed to a per telephone line charge.

Mr. John Kross moved to recommend approval for Federal Engineering, Inc., due to its specialized expertise and already being competitively selected through ProcureAZ, to serve as the consultant to review the planning and costs of the Maricopa Region 9-1-1 system, pending finalization of the scope/cost and approval by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee. Ms. Marsha Reed seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Zuercher expressed appreciation to Mr. Brady and Mr. Phelps for chairing the committee.

8. Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Closeout Programming - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

Ms. Teri Kennedy, MAG TIP Manager, provided a report on Programming the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Closeout. She noted that revised material was at each place to reflect additional estimated revenue information provided by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) sub-allocated funding, which is in addition to the amount she presented in January 2017 to the Management Committee.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the Obligation Authority increased to 94.9 percent from 90 percent, which equates to an additional \$1.3 million. The revised material that was sent out reflects this change. She noted that the current estimate for closeout is \$4.9 million.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the request for projects was issued to member agencies on November 15, 2016, with a submittal date of December 15, 2016. Ms. Kennedy stated that 20 projects requesting approximately \$6.4 million were received. Ms. Kennedy stated that the 2/3/2017 Option was developed after the additional funds became known. She explained that the 2/3/2017 Option included all of the project advancements from future years to current year, the current year and previous year requests for additional construction funding, a project authorized two years ago, current year and previous requests for design funding.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the 2/3/2017 Option included some oversight expenses, last year's construction cost increases, which over-programs us approximately \$574,000, however, we still have not received the final full-year apportionment and the amount could fluctuate. She noted that Closeout needs to begin now, or projects will not make the June 1st deadline. Ms. Kennedy stated that staff will continue to monitor this.

Ms. Kennedy spoke of three projects received that were deemed ineligible. Avondale had one safety project and Peoria had two intersection safety improvement projects awarded by ADOT. MAG is working with both agencies.

Chair Zuercher thanked Ms. Kennedy for her report and asked if there were questions.

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that MAG is a member of the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee, which recommends the distribution of all of the funding coming into the State. He stated that Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, looked at the calculations and expressed concern for the methodology. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Floyd Roehrich and the ADOT Fiscal Officer went back and re-examined the analysis and agreed with MAG staff. He noted that there is now an extra \$10 million statewide. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to Mr. Roehrich and ADOT for considering MAG's input.

Mr. Floyd Roehrich thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Anderson for calling this to ADOT's attention. He noted that the fluidity of federal aid is holding back in reserve FHWA's ability to give us the full apportionment and obligation authority. Mr. Roehrich expressed their concern that this builds

up and at the end of the year, agencies are told to spend the funds. He stated that projects need to stay on track and controlling the number of changes is important.

With no further discussion, Mr. Carl Swenson moved to recommend approval of the 2/3/2017 option, and of the necessary amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. John Kross seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Development of the FY 2018 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that the main items of the draft FY 2018 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget being presented this month are the budget workshop on February 16, 2017, the draft Dues and Assessments, and the new project listing. Mr. Smith noted that the draft MAG Dues and Assessments amounts have decreased from the first draft issued in January, due to the Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) average of 2.2 percent that was issued on January 18, 2017. Mr. Smith requested members to please inform him if any projects were missed and needed to be added. Mr. Smith added that approval of the Work Program and Annual Budget is anticipated for May 2017.

Chair Zuercher thanked Mr. Smith. No questions from the Committee were noted.

10. Legislative Update

Mr. Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. He noted that there is great uncertainty on the federal side. He indicated that the President's budget is anticipated to be released on February 28, 2017. He will continue to monitor the budget and the Continuing Resolution.

Mr. Pryor then addressed state legislation. He said that Senate bill 1146, a natural gas alternative fuel annual fee that could go into the Department of Public Safety (DPS) fund, and this could remedy the transfers from the HURF fund. Mr. Pryor stated that Senate bill 1147, a county election for motor fuel taxes, and House bill 1343, a county transportation excise tax reauthorization that does not require receiving legislative approval. He added that it might become a striker.

Mr. Pryor then discussed House bill 2010, the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) bill, has been introduced again. He said that HB 2010 would prevent new employees from MAG (among other agencies) from enrolling in ASRS. Mr. Pryor stated that HB 2010 will be heard on February 13, 2017, by the House Banking and Insurance Committee. He stated that member agencies are requested to contact their representatives and he added a letter has been prepared and will be sent to all of the House representatives today.

Mr. Pryor indicated that the ASRS program is a critical recruiting tool for MAG since many employees come from ADOT, cities or towns. He noted that current MAG staff who were formerly ADOT staff: Ms. Quinn Castro and Ms. Chaun Hill, who worked on identifying \$150

million for the freeway rebalancing effort, and Ms. Teri Kennedy, who manages the \$6 billion MAG TIP.

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that almost one-third of MAG staff were already in ASRS when they became MAG employees. Mr. Smith stated that the lack of that career ladder will really hurt MAG. He said that in addition to Ms. Castro, Ms. Hill, and Ms. Kennedy, MAG's chief procurement officer came from ADOT. Mr. Smith noted that city and town staff have also become MAG employees and he added that there is a provision for City of Phoenix retirement system to be able to transfer to the ASRS. Mr. Smith expressed his hope that this legislation could be worked out.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting were requested.

No requests were noted.

12. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Mr. Sonny Culbreth stated that the community of Litchfield Park is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding and its incorporation 30 years ago. Mr. Culbreth invited everyone to the festivities planned for the weekend of February 11 and 12, 2017. The kickoff of events will take place on February 11 at the Wigwam Resort. He noted that invitations have been sent to member agencies and he added that they hope everyone could attend.

Dr. Spencer Isom thanked everyone who attended the opening of the new El Mirage City Hall on January 19, 2017. Dr. Isom stated that thanks to the partnership of other jurisdictions, El Mirage has emerged and developed a true community that is sustainable. He stated that the City Hall building is approximately 21,000 square feet and its theme is transparency. Dr. Isom noted that the road projects and other investments adjacent to the City Hall were critical to the 1,400 acre site bordered by Peoria Avenue and the Northern Parkway. He stated that many of his Management Committee colleagues would be attending the West Valley Mayors and Managers meeting next week at the new building. Dr. Isom stated that the building was designed by an architect in Tempe and the Hayden Building Corporation. He offered to members that he would be glad to conduct tours.

Chair Zuercher extended his congratulations to Dr. Isom and the City of El Mirage.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00p.m.

Chair

Secretary